

High Energy Power & Propulsion Capability Roadmap Status Update

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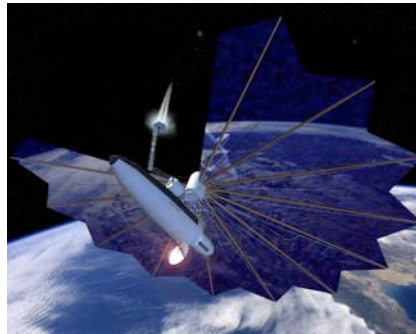
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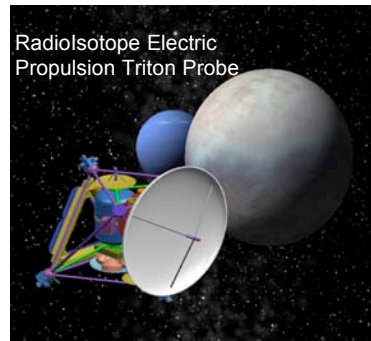
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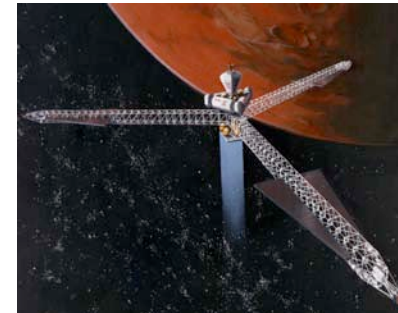
HEP & P Relevance



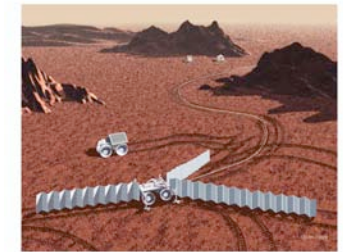
SEP/Chemical Mars Transport Stage



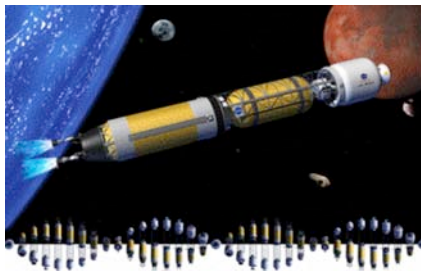
Radioisotope Electric Propulsion Triton Probe



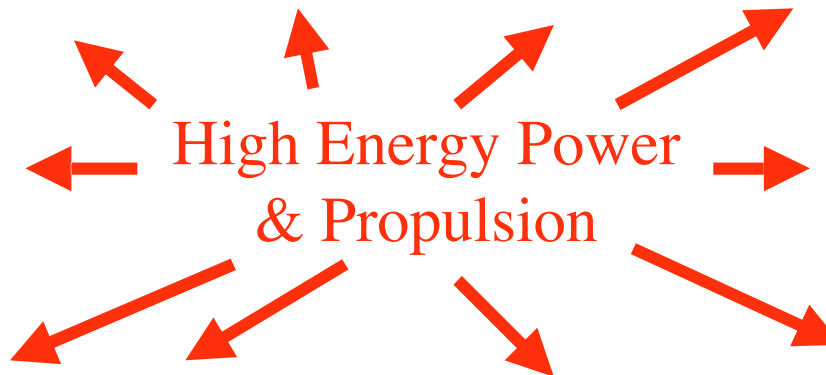
15 MWe NEP Mars Piloted Vehicle



Nuclear Fission Mars Power System
Radioisotope Powered Cart



Nuclear Bi-Modal Piloted
Nuclear Thermal Rocket



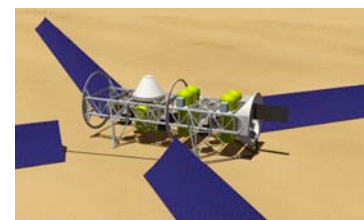
Nuclear Fission Lunar Power System



Photovoltaic Powered Robotic
Lunar Lander



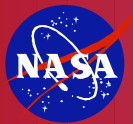
Radioisotope Powered
Deep Space Probe



Photovoltaic Mars Power System



Photovoltaic Powered Mars Rover

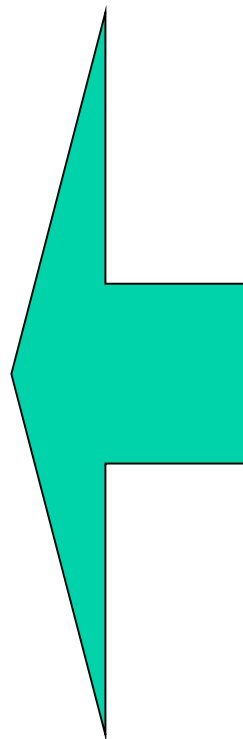


HEP & P Scope/Domain



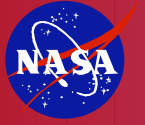
- **Systems Capabilities**

- Nuclear Fission Power Systems
- Nuclear Electric Propulsion Systems
- Nuclear Thermal Propulsion Systems
- Radioisotope Power Systems
- Radioisotope Electric Propulsion Systems
- Solar Power Systems
- Solar Electric Propulsion Systems
- Primary Battery/Fuel Cell Power Systems
- Advanced Concepts (e.g., wireless power transmission)



- **Subsystems/Technology Capabilities**

- Nuclear Reactors
 - ☐ Fuels
 - ☐ Materials
 - ☐ Controls
 - ☐ Shielding
- Power Conversion Devices
 - ☐ Materials
 - ☐ Recuperators/Regenerators
- Heat Rejection Radiators
 - ☐ Materials
 - ☐ Structures
- Power Management and Distribution
 - ☐ AC-DC converters
 - ☐ DC-DC converters
 - ☐ Cabling
- Electric Propulsion Subsystem
 - ☐ Thrusters
 - ☐ Power Processing Units
 - ☐ Tankage and propellant feed systems
- Photovoltaic arrays
 - ☐ Solar cells
 - ☐ Concentrator concepts
 - ☐ Array blankets
 - ☐ Array structures
- Energy Storage
 - ☐ Batteries
 - ☐ Regenerative fuel cells
 - Electrolyzers
 - Fuel Cells
 - H₂ – O₂ tanks
 - ☐ Flywheel
- Guidance and Navigation (In Conjunction with In-Space Transportation Team)
- Avionics (Address unique nuclear requirements)
- Vehicle Health Management (Address unique nuclear requirements)



HEP & P Application Areas



- **Robotic-Science Spacecraft Power**
- **Robotic-Science Propulsion (and On-board Power)**
- **Lunar Surface Power**
 - **Stationary**
 - **Mobile**
- **Mars Surface Power**
 - **Stationary**
 - **Mobile**
- **Human Exploration Propulsion (and On-Board Power)**
 - **Piloted**
 - **Cargo**



Capability Roadmap Team



Co-Chairs

- **NASA: Joseph J. Nainiger, Glenn Research Center**
- **External: Tom Hughes, Penn State, Applied Research Lab**
- **DOE: John (Jack) P. Wheeler, DOE HQs**

Team Members

Government

Elaine Kobalka, NASA Glenn Research Center
Stan Borowski, NASA Glenn Research Center
Jose Davis, NASA Glenn Research Center
Jeff George, NASA Johnson Space Center
Rao Surampudi, Jet Propulsion Laboratory
Sherrell Greene, Oak Ridge National Laboratory
George Schmidt, NASA Marshall Space Flight Center
Bob Wiley, DOE HQ
Rebecca Richardson, DOE HQ
Wayne Bordelon, NASA Marshall Space Flight Center

Industry

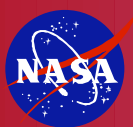
Samit K. Bhattacharyya, President, RENMAR Enterprises
Gary L. Bennett, Consultant
Dave Byers, Consultant

Academia

James Gilland, Ohio Aerospace Institute
Henry W. Brandhorst, Jr., Director, Space Research Institute, Auburn University

Coordinators

Directorate: Overall: Betsy Park, ESMD, Technical: Raynor Taylor, ESMD, (Day-to Day, Jay Jenkins, ESMD)
APIO: Perry Bankston, Jet Propulsion Laboratory



HEP & P Capability Roadmap Process and Approach - 1



- **Have divided Capability Roadmap team into 5 sub-teams**

- Fission Systems**

- Lead: Sherrell Greene, Oak Ridge National Lab

- Radioisotope Systems**

- Lead: Bob Wiley, DOE HDQs

- Solar Systems**

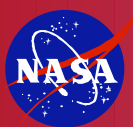
- Lead: Henry W. Brandhorst, Jr., Auburn University

- Energy Storage**

- Lead: Rao Surampudi, Jet Propulsion Lab

- Advanced Concepts**

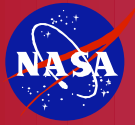
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HEP & P Capability Roadmap Process and Approach - 2



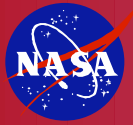
- Each sub-team has been given the same set of initial requirements from which more detailed requirements will be determined
 - _ ☐ Lunar Roadmap Framework: Short Stay
 - _ ☐ Lunar Roadmap Framework: Long Stay
 - _ ☐ Lunar DRM TP2001
 - _ ☐ Lunar Robotic Science DRM
 - _ ☐ Mars Roadmap Framework
 - _ ☐ Mars FY03 NEP Architecture
 - _ ☐ Mars NASA SP2
 - _ ☐ Mars NASA SP-6107
 - _ ☐ Mars TP 2002
 - _ ☐ Mars Robotic Science DRM
 - _ ☐ Outer Solar System Science DRM



Roadmap Process and Approach - 3



- Each sub- team is in the process of establishing the State-of-the-Art (SOA) or State-of-the-Practice (SOP) for their particular area (At the systems, subsystems, and technology level)
- Derived assumptions/requirements will be scrubbed as a total team
- Each sub-team, based upon derived assumptions/requirements, will lay out path for each capability/system and supporting technology development required to meet the NASA need (both in time as well as performance)
- This path will indicate major decision points and milestones
- Team is interacting/iterating with several other capability roadmap teams
- Team will need to interact/iterate extensively with Strategic Roadmap Teams



Questions/Issues for SRC-2

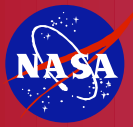


- **We need “official” set of Agency key missions up to 2030+ (probably out to 2040) with approximate dates that capabilities will be needed**
 - **What are the characteristics of those missions that will define capability characteristics (science instruments, landing sites, crew size, etc.)**
 - **For those missions, what are the critical requirements/metrics that drive the capabilities (e.g., power level, mission duration, desired/required trip time, etc.)**
- **How does SRC-2 view the lunar program as a test-bed for Mars?**



Backup





HEP & P Sub-Teams and Members



- High Energy Storage

- Surampudi (L)

- ☐ Davis
 - ☐ Brandhorst
 - ☐ Bennett
 - ☐ Schmidt

- Solar

- Brandhorst (L)

- ☐ Davis
 - ☐ Surampudi
 - ☐ Byers
 - ☐ Gilland
 - ☐ George
 - ☐ Schmidt

- Advanced Concepts

- Brandhorst (L)

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- Nuclear – Wheeler (L)

- Nuclear Fission

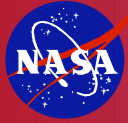
- ☐ Greene (L)

- Wheeler
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 - Hughes
 - Batacharyya
 - Bordelon

- RPS

- ☐ Wiley (L)

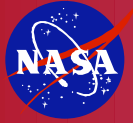
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Radioisotope Power Systems Breakdown Structure



- **GPHS Modules**
- **Power Conversion Devices (various types
– Brayton, Stirling, thermoelectrics, etc.)**
- **Heat Rejection System/Housing**
- **Power Management and Distribution**
 - AC-DC converters
 - DC-DC converters
 - Cabling



Nuclear Electric Propulsion Systems Breakdown Structure



- **Nuclear Fission Reactor**
 - Fuels and cladding
 - Materials
 - Controls
 - Shielding
- **Power Conversion Devices (various types – Brayton, Stirling, thermoelectrics, etc.)**
- **Heat Rejection Systems**
 - Materials
 - Structure
- **Power Management and Distribution**
 - AC-DC converters
 - DC-DC converters
 - Cabling
- **Electric Propulsion Subsystem**
 - Thrusters
 - Power Processing Units
 - Tankage and propellant feed system
- **Guidance and Navigation (In Conjunction with In-Space Transportation Team)**
- **Avionics (Address unique nuclear requirements)**
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Nuclear Thermal Propulsion Systems Breakdown Structure



- **Nuclear Fission Reactors**
 - Fuels and cladding
 - Materials
 - Controls
 - Shielding
- **Power Conversion (For Bi-Modal options)**
- **Fuel Tanks (Address materials considerations unique to nuclear radiation environment)**
- **Pumps (Address technology issues related to long run times and nuclear radiation environment)**
- **Nozzles (Address technology issues related to long run times and nuclear radiation environment)**
- **Guidance and Navigation (From In-Space Transportation team)**
- **Avionics (Address unique nuclear requirements)**
- **Vehicle Health Management (Address unique nuclear requirements)**



Photovoltaic Power Systems Breakdown Structure



- **Photovoltaic arrays**
 - Solar cells
 - Concentrator concepts
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 - Array structures
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 - Batteries
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 - □ Electrolyzers
 - □ Fuel Cells
 - □ H₂ – O₂ tanks
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- **Power Management and Distribution**
 - DC-DC converters
 - Cabling
 - Charge/Discharge control
 - Shunt regulator



Nuclear Fission Power Systems Breakdown Structure



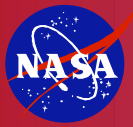
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Radioisotope Electric Propulsion Systems Breakdown Structure



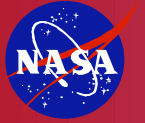
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HEP & P Capability Roadmap Milestones to Date



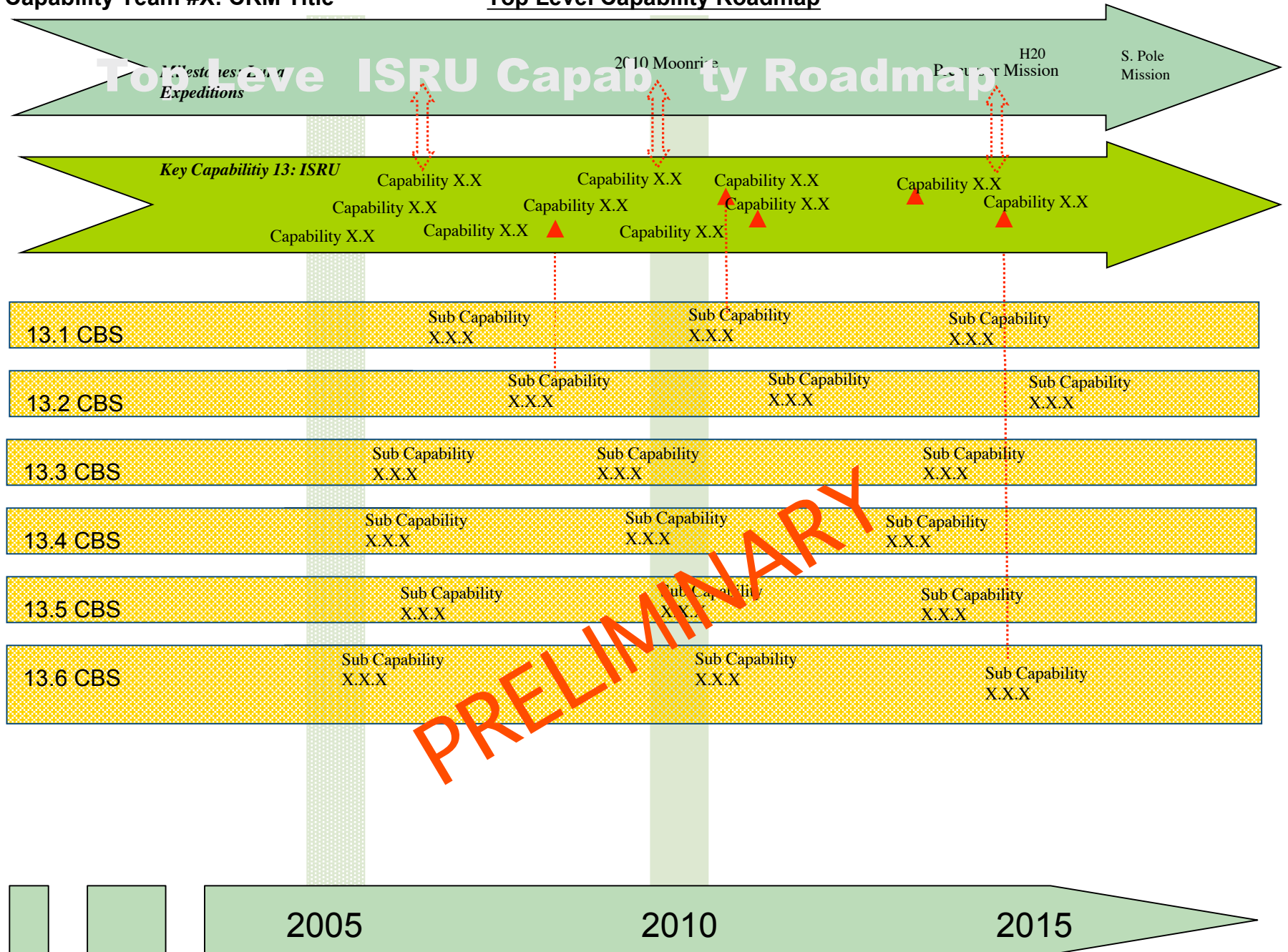
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| • Team Formation | Oct04 |
| • Initiate Weekly Team Telecons | Nov04 |
| • APIO Workshop to Collect Ext. Input | Nov04 |
| • 1st Team Meeting | Dec04 |
| • Fission Sub-Team Meeting | Jan04 |
| • Solar Sub-Team Meeting | Jan04 |
| • Energy Storage Sub-Team Meeting | Jan04 |
| • 2nd Team Meeting | Feb04 |

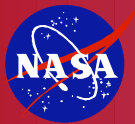


Key Dates Upcoming



- **Roll-up of sub-team roadmaps, late February**
- **1st Draft of Roadmap To Academy (Presentation Product Due) March 31**





Sub-Capability 1.1. CBS Title Roadmap



DRAFT EXAMPLE CAPABILITY DECISION ROADMAP

